

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claims 1-5 and 8-11 are cancelled.

Claims 12-15 are new and are supported by Claims 3-5 and the specification.

Claim 12 is supported by Claim 3.

Claim 13 is supported by Claim 4.

Claim 14 is supported by Claim 5.

Claim 15 is supported on page 15, line 15, in the specification.

No new matter will be added to the above-identified application by entry of this amendment.

Upon entry of this amendment, Claims 6-7 and 12-15 will be active.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Title of the invention is amended to clearly describe the invention.

Applicants acknowledge and thank Examiner Quinto for the indication that Claims 6 and 7 are allowed.

The rejection of Claims 1, 3 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Liu (U.S. 6,828,160) in view of Evans, Jr. et al. (U.S. 5,440,173) and further in view of Sakashita et al. (U.S. 2005/0040516) is obviated by appropriate amendment. Claims 1, 3 and 5 are herein cancelled.

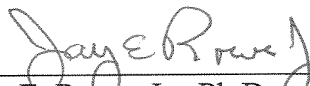
Claims 12-15 are either directly or indirectly dependent from allowed Claim 6 and further describe the claimed invention. These claims are supported by the original claims and the specification. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 12-15 are also allowable.

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Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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